

In the Claims:

Please add new Claim 19 and amend Claims 1, 5, and 11-18 as indicated

below. The status of all claims is as follows:

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1. (Presently Amended) ~~A search system comprising:~~
~~an inputting device inputting query specification information which~~
~~collectively specifies a plurality of times of a full text search through a plurality of search~~
~~condition combinations for a comparison of a plurality of search results from the plurality of~~
~~times of the full text search; each of the combinations representing any search query which~~
~~includes a plurality of search conditions, combined by logical operators, for a single time of~~
~~the full text search; and~~
~~an instructing device instructing the specified plurality of times of the~~
~~full text search, text information specified by each of the combinations being searched for in~~
~~each time of the full text search; search;~~
~~wherein each of the search condition combinations is not combined with any~~
~~other of the search condition combinations by a logical operator, and~~
~~wherein each of the search results is output as a search result which is~~
~~compared with another of the search results by a user.~~

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2. (Previously Presented) The search system according to claim 1, wherein said inputting device inputs the query specification information in a form of a table.

3. (Previously Presented) The search system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a generating device automatically generating the plurality of search condition combinations based on the query specification information, wherein

said instructing device instructs a full text search according to the plurality of search condition combinations generated by said generating device.

4. (Previously Presented) The search system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a changing device changing a portion of search conditions included in the query specification information, wherein said instructing device instructs a selective full text search for the changed portion.

5. (Presently Amended) A search system comprising:
an obtaining device obtaining a plurality of search results for a plurality of times of a full text sets of search through a plurality of search condition combinations, each of the combinations representing any search query which includes a plurality of search

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conditions, combined by logical operators, for a single time of the full text search, and text information specified by each of the combinations being searched for in each time of the full text search; and

an outputting device collectively outputting output information corresponding to the plurality of search results for a comparison of the plurality of ~~search results~~: results,

wherein each of the search condition combinations is not combined with any other of the search condition combinations by a logical operator, and

wherein each of the search results is output as a search result which is compared with another of the search results by a user.

6. (Original) The search system according to claim 5, wherein said outputting device outputs the output information in a form of a table.

7. (Original) The search system according to claim 5, wherein said outputting device switches and outputs at least two or more items of information among the number of his, a related word, and a search result list, as the output information.

8. (Original) The search system according to claim 5, further comprising:

a reflecting device reflecting a search result regarding a changed portion on the output information when the portion of search conditions included in the plurality of search condition combinations is changed.

9. (Original) The search system according to claim 5, wherein said outputting device comprises a graph device outputting graph information which represents the output information.

10. (Original) The search system according to claim 9, wherein said outputting device selectively outputs a search result list corresponding to a portion of graph information of the number of hits, when said graph device outputs the graph information of the number of hits

11. (Presently Amended) A search system comprising:
an inputting device inputting query specification information which collectively specifies a plurality of times of a full text search through a plurality of search condition combinations for a comparison of a plurality of search results from the plurality of times of the full text search, each of the combinations representing any search query which includes a

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plurality of search conditions, combined by logical operators, for a single time of the full text search;

a searching device performing the specified plurality of times of the full text search, text information specified by each of the combinations being searched for in each time of the full text search; and

an outputting device collectively outputting output information corresponding to the plurality of ~~search results~~ results,

wherein each of the search condition combinations is not combined with any other of the search condition combinations by a logical operator, and

wherein each of the search results is output as a search result which is compared with another of the search results by a user.

12. (Presently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium on which is recorded a program for causing a computer to execute a process, said process comprising:

inputting query specification information which collectively specifies a plurality of times of a full text search through a plurality of search condition combinations for a ~~comparison of~~ comparison of a plurality of search results from the plurality of times of the full text search, each of the combinations representing any search query which includes a

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plurality of search conditions, combined by logical operators, for a single time of the full text search; and

instructing the specified plurality of times of the full text search, text information specified by each of the combinations being searched for in each time of the full text search; search,

wherein each of the search condition combinations is not combined with any other of the search condition combinations by a logical operator, and

wherein each of the search results is output as a search result which is compared with another of the search results by a user.

13. (Proposed Amendment) A computer-readable storage medium on which is recorded a program for causing a computer to execute a process, said process comprising:

obtaining a plurality of search results for a plurality of times of a full text search through plurality of search condition combinations, each of the combinations representing any search query which includes a plurality of search conditions, combined by logical operators, for a single time of the full text search, and text information specified by each of the combinations being searched for in the full text search; and

collectively outputting output information corresponding to the plurality of search results for a comparison of the plurality of ~~search results~~, results.

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wherein each of the search condition combinations is not combined with any other of the search condition combinations by a logical operator, and

wherein each of the search results is output as a search result which is compared with another of the search results by a user.

14. (Presently Amended) A search method comprising:

collectively specifying a plurality of search condition combinations in a full text search, each of the combinations representing any search query which includes a plurality of search conditions for text information;

performing an information search based on specified information;

obtaining a plurality of search results for a plurality of times of a full text search through the plurality of search condition combinations, each of the combinations representing any search query which includes a plurality of search conditions, combined by logical operators, for a single time of the full text search, and text information specified by each of the combinations being searched for in each time of the full text search; and

collectively outputting output information corresponding to the plurality of search results for a comparison of the plurality of ~~search results~~ results,

wherein each of the search condition combinations is not combined with any other of the search condition combinations by a logical operator, and

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wherein each of the search results is output as a search result which is compared with another of the search results by a user.

15. (Presently Amended) A search system comprising:

inputting means for inputting query specification information which collectively specifies a plurality of times of a full text search through a plurality of search condition combinations for a comparison of a plurality of search results from the plurality of times of the full text search, each of the combinations representing any search query which includes a plurality of search conditions, combined by logical operators, for a single time of the full text search; and

instructing means for instructing the specified plurality of times of the full text search, text information specified by each of the combinations being searched for in each time of the full text ~~search~~ search,

wherein each of the search condition combinations is not combined with any other of the search condition combinations by a logical operator, and

wherein each of the search results is output as a search result which is compared with another of the search results by a user.

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16. (Presently Amended) A search system comprising:

obtaining means for obtaining a plurality of search results for a plurality of times of a full search through a plurality of search condition combinations, each of the combinations representing any search query which includes a plurality of search conditions, combined by logical operators, for a single time of the full text search, and text information specified by each of the combinations being searched for in each time of the full text search; and

outputting means for collectively outputting output information corresponding to the plurality of search results for a comparison of the plurality of search results, results,

wherein each of the search condition combinations is not combined with any other of the search condition combinations by a logical operator, and

wherein each of the search results is output as a search result which is compared with another of the search results by a user.

17. (Presently Amended) A search system comprising:

an inputting device inputting multi-dimensional query specification information which specifies a plurality of times of a full text search through a plurality of search condition types for a comparison of a plurality of search results from the plurality of times of the full text search, at least one of the search condition types including a plurality of search

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condition elements, and a plurality of queries specified by all combinations of each of the search condition elements in each of the search condition types; and

an instructing device instructing the specified plurality of times of the full text search, text information specified by each of the plurality of queries being searched for in each time of the full text ~~search~~ search,

wherein respective search condition elements are combined by logical operators in each of the queries,

wherein each of the queries is not combined with any other of the queries by a logical operator, and

wherein each of the search results is output as a search result which is compared with another of the search results by a user.

18. (Presently Amended) A search system comprising:

an obtaining device obtaining a plurality of search results for a plurality of times of a full text search through a plurality of queries, text information specified by each of the plurality of queries being searched for in each time of the full text search, multi-dimensional query specification information specifying a plurality of search condition types, at least one of the search condition types including a plurality of search condition elements, and the plurality of queries specified by all combinations of each of the search condition elements in each of the search condition types; and

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an outputting device collectively outputting output information corresponding to the plurality of search results for a ~~comparison~~ comparison,

wherein respective search condition elements are combined by logical operators in each of the queries,

wherein each of the queries is not combined with any other of the queries by a logical operator, and

wherein each of the search results is output as a search result which is compared with another of the search results by a user.

19. (New) A search system comprising:

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an inputting device inputting a number of dimensions of an input array, a number of elements in each of the dimensions, and a plurality of search conditions for each of the dimensions, and registering the input search conditions to the input array;

a generating device automatically generating a plurality of search expressions which cover all possible combinations of the search conditions registered to the input array, by combining each search condition in each of the dimensions with each search condition in another of the dimensions by a logical operator; and

an instructing device instructing a plurality of times of a full text search, each of which is specified by each of the search expressions, to obtain respective search results, each of which is compared with another of the search results by a user.